

Minutes the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm in Alkham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Burrows (Chairman); M Hibbert; A Barrier; R Marczin-Bundy
Cllr Marczin-Bundy took the Minutes

Also present: Members of the Public Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk

Representations from the public *will be taken for a period up to fifteen minutes before the opening of the formal meeting. Individuals may speak for up to three minutes, on agenda items, at the discretion of the Chairman.*

- A resident asked when hedge cutting was due, saying it was impinging on the road and footpath by The Marquis. It was mentioned that the household is responsible, but that it was a dangerous area and it should be put through the KCC ahead of annual hedge cutting. Chairman reminded all that annual hedge cutting is between the months of March-Sept 30.

To receive reports from (if present): Dover District *Councillor Martin Hibbert; and the PCSO (not present).*

AGENDA

1. Apologies and absences:

- 1.1 Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 1862, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted. Notified of resignation of Dave Beanie from the Parish Council - 22/08/2022
- 1.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests. There were none
- 1.3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2010 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1862 in respect of officers.
 - Chairman Neil Burrows declared expression of interest about a planning application and left room for that time.
- 1.4 Requests for Dispensations. There were none
- 1.5 Declarations of Lobbying. There were none

2. CO OPTION of Parish Councillor/s:

- 2.1 To consider candidates for co-option. There were no candidates

3. Consideration of items to be taken in private (Exclusion of Public and Press): In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1850, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th July 2022 were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5. Matters arising from the minutes: (not included in other agenda items)

- 5.1 New Walkway - Update
- 5.2 Bus Stop Ewell Minnis

6. Finance:

- 6.1 To receive and authorise payments listed on the schedule –
- 6.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment.
- 6.3 Receipts of Income – (to be provided at the meeting)
- 6.4 To confirm bank reconciliation – (to be provided at the meeting)

- 7. Planning:**
- 7.1 To table planning applications received for consideration:
7.1.1 22/01044 Greenhill Farm Meggett Lane Alkham CT15 7DG
Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension and alterations to windows and doors (existing conservatory to be demolished)
- 7.2 To receive late planning applications and other late planning matters:
- 7.3 To table planning applications dealt with since last meeting
7.3.1 22/00622 Forstal Cottage Alkham Valley Road Alkham CT15 7DF
Creation of a vehicular access, driveway and erection of garden gate and fence (existing wall and patio to be removed) APC No Objection
- 7.4 To table decisions by the Planning Authority since the last meeting
- 8. To receive Reports:**
- 8.1 Byways – No report
- 8.2 Parish Plan Cllr Hibbert
Hibbert reported that the plan needed to be reviewed and updated due to the length of time that had passed it was produced. The plan team to come back to Cllr Hibbert with suggested updates
- 8.3 Drainage and Flood Warden Report Cllr Hibbert
Alkham Drainage Work Progress Updates – June 2022 Cllr Hibbert gave his report:
Latest work updates: submitted Alkham drainage fault reports to Kent Highways drainage department are as follows:
- 596053/613759 – Martin Vale, Hogbrook Lane – work still to be completed.
 - 630656 – Thorn Lane, repeat request for work to roadside silt trap and culvert to clear silt (05/04/2022). Work uncompleted.
 - 642292- Village Sump, request for annual maintenance and clearance.
 - 642301- Alkham Valley Road, roadway grip east of Newlyn’s junction. Request to clear silt and vegetation blocking access to allow roadway run off water to flow through conduit to Alkham Valley Ditch.
- Another reminder again to look out for sharp showers or thunderstorms. Run-off water will flow and pick up the last few months debris and potentially block local lanes and cause possible flash floods. If you live near a drain, please pick up a broom and remove any drain surface debris – many thanks.
- 9. Highways:**
- 9.1 Highways Improvement Plan (Update)
- 9.2 To receive the Alkham Speedwatch reports
- 9.3 To receive the parish portal report
- 9.4 Lorry Watch – to receive an update
- 9.5 To receive feedback form meeting with a resident
- 9.6 To receive any other Highway matters
- 10.**
- 10.1 **Play area and Village Green**
To receive the Monthly Playground inspection Report
10.1.1 Adventure Trtail Equipment – Update
- 10.2 Provision of a commemorative bench
- 10.3 To consider any other matters pertaining to the play area and village green
- 11. Policy Review:**
- 11.1 Village Green hiring policy
- 12.** Correspondence:
Items circulated for information for further information contact the Clerk
- 12.2.1 – KALC councillors conference -30th June 2022
- 12.2.2 – Fire stoppers campaign Toolkit – PP
- 12.2.3 – Rural Housing Week – Amended flyer
- 12.2.4 – KCC – National Bus Strategy update
- 12.2.5 – Places of Worship Scheme pdf
- 12.2.6 – Dover District Council Town and Parish Evening – Tuesday 7 June
- 12.2.7 – Provision for young people Dover Youth Hub
- 12.2.7 – Residents letter re Alkham Valley Road. It was agreed that DDC Cllr

Hibbert and KCC Cllr Beaney would meet with the resident

Dates of Future Meetings:

7th November 2023

Chairman: : Neil Burrows

Date: 9th January 2023

Signed: : *Neil Burrows*